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Senate File 279

By WATSON of Pottawattamie.

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A BILL FOR

An Act to amend sections four hundred twenty-two point thirteen (422.13), and four hundred twenty-two point five (422.5), Code 1950, relating to income taxes to provide for a joint return by a husband and wife, and splitting of income by a husband and wife equally for income tax purposes.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

- 1 Section 1. Amend section four hundred twenty-two
- 2 point thirteen (422.13), Code 1950, by adding the following:
- 3 "A husband and wife may make a single return jointly. Such
- 4 a return may be made even though one of the spouses has
- 5 neither gross income or deductions. If a joint return is
- 6 made the tax shall be computed on the aggregate income and
- 7 the liability with respect to the tax shall be joint and
- 8 several."
- 1 Sec. 2. Amend section four hundred twenty-two point
- 2 five (422.5), Code 1950, by adding the following: "In the
- 3 case of a joint return of husband and wife under section four
- 4 hundred twenty-two point thirteen (422.13), Code 1950, the
- 5 combined tax under section four hundred twenty-two point five
- 6 (422.5), Code 1950, shall be twice the tax that would be
- 7 determined if the taxable income was reduced by one-half."